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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/15/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/08/01
BRO-FRY	161,555	161,228
LT HENS	2,119	2,070
HVY HENS	1,505	1,744

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 08-Dec-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	392	11	403
LAST WEEK	335	0	335
SAME WK YR AGO	498	11	509
TO DATE 2001	19,999	305	20,304
TO DATE 2000	22,268	612	22,880

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,293	1,695	3,988
LAST WEEK	2,267	1,419	3,686
SAME WK YR AGO	2,425	1,364	3,789
TO DATE 2001	107,090	68,143	175,233
TO DATE 2000	114,646	71,197	185,843

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,932 (A)	1,901	1,684	3,585
AVG WT	5.26	3.45	7.88	5.53
LAST WEEK	157,112	1,932	1,419	3,351
SAME WEEK YR AGO	151,112	1,927	1,353	3,280
AVG WT	5.17	3.40	7.69	5.17
TO-DATE/2001	7,520,213	87,091	67,838	154,929
TO-DATE/2000	7,523,509	92,378	70,585	162,963

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.8 million head or 4.7 million head less than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING December 01, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	25,351	16,423	41,335
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.70	6.09
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	20%	50%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	18,553	11,666	26,504
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.87	6.20
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	21%	47%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	35,671	27,826	51,030
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.70	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	24%	45%
TO DATE/2001	1,478,041	1,296,014	2,067,460
TO DATE/2000	1,573,959	1,579,271	1,946,976

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,086	2,790	53	6	4,935
AVG WT	15.56	35.88	26.73	38.42	27.18
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,146	2,670	52	15	4,883
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503
AVG WT	15.32	34.23	24.02	27.51	25.34
TO-DATE/2001	99,335	135,470	2,241	559	237,605
TO-DATE/2000	240,203 (B)		1,649	1,235	243,087

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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